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Digvijaya Singh entered the fray for the Congress president's election as Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot opted out of the race; decision on his continuation as Rajasthan CM in a day or two

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'Woman can be pregnant by choice irrespective of her marital status'

SC expands scope of MTP Act and the corresponding rules to include unmarried women for abortion between 20-24 weeks of pregnancy saying limiting the provision will render it discriminatory

#New Delhi

"A woman can become pregnant by choice irrespective of her marital status," the Supreme Court said on Thursday, underlining the right to decisional autonomy also means women may choose the course of their lives.

The top court said a woman is often enmeshed in complex notions of family, community, religion, and caste and such external societal factors affect the way she exercises autonomy and control over her body, particularly in matters relating to reproductive decisions.

In its landmark decision, the top court expanded the scope of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act and the corresponding rules to include unmarried women for abortion between 20-24 weeks of pregnancy, saying limiting the provision to cover only married women will render it discriminatory and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution.

Top Court ruled on Thursday that all women, regardless of marital status, can obtain abortions up to 24 weeks into their pregnancies

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, AS Bopanna and JB Pardiwala said besides the physical consequences, unwanted pregnancies, which women are forced to carry to term, may have cascading effects on the rest of their lives by interrupting their education, career, or affecting their mental well-being.

"A woman can become pregnant by choice irrespective of her marital status. In case the pregnancy is wanted, it is equally shared by both the partners. However, in case of an unwanted or incidental pregnancy, the burden invariably falls on the pregnant woman affecting her mental and physical health," it said.

The top court's verdict came on an appeal of a woman from the North East challenging the Delhi High Court order denying her permission to abort her pregnancy out of a consensual relationship after her partner refused to marry and left her.

The bench added that Article 21 of the Constitution recognises and protects the right of a woman to undergo termination of pregnancy if her mental or physical health is at stake.

"Importantly, it is the woman alone who has the right over her body and is the ultimate decision maker on the question of whether she wants to undergo an abortion," it said. **– PTI**

Mukesh Ambani gets Z plus security cover

#New Delhi

The government has upgraded the security cover of billionaire industrialist Mukesh Ambani to the top category of 'Z+' after a review of perceived threat perception to him by central intelligence and security agencies, official sources said on Thursday. The 65-year-old Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries, was first accorded the 'Z' category cover of CRPF commandos in 2013 on a payment basis. His wife Nita Ambani too has a similar armed cover but a lower category of 'Y+' which entails lesser number of commandos.

Ambani is the 10th richest person in the world according to the latest Bloomberg index. The security of Ambani has been upgraded to the top category of Z+ and necessary communication in this regard will be made soon, the sources said. The recommendation was formalised by the Union home ministry after receiving inputs, on the perceived threat perception to the businessman, by central intelligence and security agencies, they said. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) may be asked to enlarge the existing cover to 'Z+' and include more commandos in its protection unit, they said. **– PTI**

PFI activists arrested for protests: Police

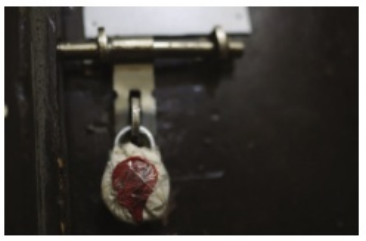
#Thiruvananthapuram/Idukki

Several activists of the banned outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) were arrested or booked for protesting without permission in different parts of Kerala after the organisation was declared as illegal by the Central government.

Two PFI activists were arrested from the Kallambalam area of the state capital on Thursday for shouting slogans in support of the outfit a day ago underneath a flagpole before unfurling their flag, police said.

Besides the two, there are five others who were present there and whom the police are searching for, a senior police officer said.

In Nedumkandam area of Idukki district, seven PFI activists had carried out a march on Wednesday shouting slogans in support of the outfit and against RSS and a case was registered against them today for carrying out a procession without the requisite permission, police said.



No one has been arrested in that case as visuals of the incident are being perused to identify the PFI activists, police said.

Police also said 152 people were arrested from across the state today in connection with the hartal-related violence on September 23 and 352 cases have been booked till date.

The Central government had banned PFI on September 27 and on the very next day, a leader of its Kerala unit had made a statement that the outfit has been disbanded.

Hours after making the statement, Abdul Sathar, who had called the hartal when he was state general secretary of the outfit and allegedly absconded thereafter, was arrested from Kollam on Wednesday and handed over to the NIA. Multi-agency teams, spearheaded by NIA, had last week carried out raids at 93 locations in 15 states. **– PTI**

Games are afoot

Fireworks over Narendra Modi stadium during the opening ceremony of 36th National Games, in Ahmedabad on Thursday

Govt orders blocking 67 porn websites

#New Delhi

The government has ordered internet companies to block 67 pornographic websites following court orders and for violating the new IT rules that were issued in 2021.

In an email sent to internet service providers, the Department of Telecom (DoT) has asked them to block 63 websites based on the order of a Pune court, and block 4 websites based on the order of the Uttarakhand High Court and directions issued by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).

"MeitY in compliance of the said (Uttarakhand High court) order read along with rule 3(2)(b) of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, and in view of certain obscene material available in the below mentioned website that tarnish the image of modesty of women, has directed to immediately take down (block) the ... websites/URLs," the DoT order dated September 24 said.

The IT Rules 2021 invoked by MeitY mandates IT companies to remove or disable access to content hosted, stored or published by them which "shows such individual in full or partial nudity or shows or depicts such individual in any sexual act or conduct" and also content which is allegedly impersonated or artificially morphed. **– PTI**

Looking into matter of woman IAS officer's sharp words for school girl, says Bihar CM

#Patna

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Thursday said his government has taken cognisance of senior woman IAS officer's apparent humiliation of a school girl over a sanitary napkin pad. He said he learnt about the incident when the video of the incident went viral on social media and also hit the headlines across the country. "It has come to our knowledge and we are looking into it," he said. Bamhrah, the MD of the Bihar Women and Children Development Corporation, stirred up controversy as her abrasive responses to question by girl students at the "Shashakt Beti Samridh Bihar", oraganised by the WCDC and Unicef, for Class 9 and 10 students, went viral.

As a student asked Bamhrah that the government is providing school dress, scholarship, bicycles and many other facilities to students, can't it provide sanitary pads for Rs 20 to 30 to girl students - drawing applause, Bamhrah hit out, saying that people are clapping over the question but these are endless demands. "Today, the government would provide you with sanitary pads for Rs 20 to Rs 30. Then you ask for jeans, pants and then, beautiful shoes," she said but did not stop there.

"When it comes to family planning, will the government give condoms (Nirodh) to you. Why would I have a habit of taking everything free from the government? What is the need of it?" At that, the student said the government comes to them to seek their votes. Bamhrah angrily replied that "this is the height of stupidity. You don't vote and go to Pakistan. You are giving a vote to take money and facilities from the government". **– IANS**

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Hailey spills the beans
Hailey Bieber recently appeared on the 'Call Her Daddy' podcast where she opened up about her sex life with husband Justin Bieber

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The favourite

What Karan said to allegations that he was biased towards Janhvi over Sara

When Janhvi Kapoor and Sara Ali Khan had appeared on 'Koffee With Karan 7' and when the latter had won the hamper - Karan told Janhvi that while Sara may have won the hamper, she's more hot.

Karan was criticized as netizens felt he was more partial towards Janhvi all through the episode. Recently, in the last episode of 'Koffee With Karan', the host had invited Kusha Kapila, Tamnay Bhatt. Niharika MM and Danish Sait who pointed out several criticism towards this season.

The film-maker addressed the issue of being more partial towards Janhvi and confessed he was not. He showed a clip later in which Janhvi had won the rapid fire first with 79 percent. Later, it was known that there was some mistake in the calculations and Sara had won it actually. Janhvi was quite upset so, just to make her feel good, Karan ended up saying those things, he said. He further clarified that, "I love Sara and I'm doing two projects with her."

Karan was also trolled for taking Alia Bhatt's name too much on the show. When he later called Alia, she told him to stop taking his name. As a result, KJo has promised he won't take Alia's name too often in the next season of the show. Season 8 of the show will be airing next year.

ETimes

Change in plans

The makers of "Shaakuntalam", the multilingual mythological drama starring Samantha Ruth Prabhu, on Thursday said they have decided to postpone the release of the film indefinitely.

The development comes a week after production house Sri Venkateswara Creations announced November 4 as the release date of the film.

In a statement shared on its official Twitter account, the Hyderabad-based banner said they have delayed the arrival of the film so that the audience is able to experience "Shaakuntalam" in the 3D format.

"We aim to give a bigger experience with 'Shaakuntalam' and immerse you in the 'World of Shaakuntalam', for which we as a team felt 3D would be a brilliant way. "To facilitate this, we would be taking some time to put forth and so, will be unable to meet the earlier announced date of release," Sri Venkateswara Creations said in the post. The new release date will be announced soon.

"We thank the support and love showered upon us, from around the world, hoping for your support in this too!" the banner added. "

—PTI

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Neon stunners

All the times B-Town beauties rocked our world in eye-catching neon outfits

Agony aunt

Veteran actress Revathi will be seen essaying the role of a hospital grief counsellor in the upcoming medical drama film 'Aye Zindagi'. The film has been written and directed by Doctor Anirban Bose, who is also known for his novels 'Bombay Rains, Bombay Girls', 'Mice in Men' and 'The Death of Mitali Dutto'.

Talking about this remarkable journey from being a doctor to turning writer-director, Anirban said in a statement: "'Aye Zindagi' is a big departure from what I normally do. I'm a physician so I take care of patients and I teach medical students. I'm incredibly excited and nervous, and I hope people see the beauty of the story that motivated me to devote two years of my life into this project so far out of my comfort zone."

Based on an incredible true story, the film follows the journey of a 26-year-old liver cirrhosis patient Vinay Chawla whose unlikely bond with a hospital grief counsellor rekindles his hope and faith in life and makes him believe in the power of humanity.

The film also features Satyajeet Dubey, Mrinmayee Godbole, veteran Gujarati actor Hemant Kher along with Shrikant Verma, Sawan Tank, Muskaan Agarwal and Pranjal Trivedi.

Satyajeet, who went through a drastic physical transformation in 'Aye Zindagi' to play the lead role of Vinay, said: "This film has been a journey that gave me immense joy upon its completion, my best so far. It's the kind of journey each artist/actor craves for. The journey that shook me physically and emotionally, heart wrenching and heartening at the same time."

—ETimes

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War on black magic

Director Srivatsa is all set to come with a new movie after a gap of seven years. He is ready for the release of Gadhayudha. The film's tagline is – A war on black magic. Sumith makes his debut as a hero in this movie. "The lead role was to be played by Chiranjeevi Sarja. The producer had given me a cheque to hand over to Chiranjeevi and I promptly handed it over to him but he suggested that it would be better if Sumith plays the lead. He volunteered to play the character of Hanuman in Gadhayudha without any pay. Chiranjeevi passed away six days after the shooting," recalled Srivatsa. He said Gadhayudha is for masses as well as family audiences. "It is a mix of mythology and the underworld. I have tried to explain about the Vedas in two and half hours," he said.

Onboard Thothapuri

Directors and producers in Sandalwood are leaving no stone unturned to promote their movies. KA Suresh, who bankrolled a well-known Kannada movie Shivalinga, had made arrangements on Tuesday to promote his latest movie Thothapuri. He booked a train to Mysuru for the cast and crew of Thothapuri and media persons, especially from the electronic media. The coaches of the train were wrapped and decorated with posters of Thothapuri. The objective of this unique tour is to convey the release of Thothapuri to as many people as possible in a short period.

Director Vijaya Prasad, producer Suresh, Jaggesh and Adithi Prabhudeva boarded the special train at Yeshwantpur Railway Station. They greeted railway passengers and people at all the stations between Yasvathpura and Mysuru. The cast and crew of Thothapuri also visited Chamundi Hills on Tuesday night before returning to Bengaluru.

The movie Thothapuri is scheduled for the release on Friday not only in Karnataka but also in 40 countries in five languages.

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State govt to provide 'talking laptops' to visually impaired pursuing higher study/college education

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A laptop with the potential to open many worlds can remain just a piece of metal/plastic in the hands of the visually impaired.

Imagine a laptop that recites every word clicked and hovered upon — that can make a huge difference in the lives of the differently abled.

By and large, technology has been designed and oriented for able bodied persons. Tech has been more or less kept away from the reach of the disabled.

So, taking a remedial step in this regard, the Karnataka government is issuing 'talking laptops' to the visually impaired across the state.

Talking laptops is an annual scheme of the department for the empowerment of differently abled and senior citizens, under which every year a number of blind students pursuing higher education or college education are provided with 'talking laptops'.

Essentially these laptops are generic models equipped with Nvidia software that allows the visually impaired to hear the keys being pressed, boxes clicked and areas hovered upon. This allows the person to experience laptop use with their sense of hearing.

For instance, when a visually impaired person uses an ordinary laptop, they are not aware of what is being typed or where the cursor rests. With the talking laptop, the person shall exercise auditory navigation of the location of the

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"Technology is a big hurdle in rural areas; implementation of such steps must be supplemented with training

— Nagasimha G Rao, Child Rights Trust

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Health check-up

75 hospitals to live-track notifiable diseases

Big Brother has eyes on notifiable diseases now

Palike onboards 75 hospitals that will live-track notifiable diseases in Bengaluru

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) Health Department has onboarded 75 major hospitals under their integrated health and information portal, to allow live-tracking of notifiable diseases in the city.

Despite the flooding in many parts of Bengaluru, the city has not seen a major rise in dengue cases, thanks to Palike's proactive efforts to curb the mosquito menace. BBMP conducted intensified surveillance, awareness measures, and spraying in all 8 zones. Taking it one step, BBMP has onboarded 75 hospitals in the city to allow for live-tracking of caseloads.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) Dr Thrilok Chandra said, "We have onboarded 75 hospitals across the city into our integrated health information portal. The hospitals will comprise major medical colleges and big hospitals across the city. These hospitals will be required to provide a live update of the caseloads on the portal and allow us to take immediate steps to limit cases in menace areas. We will be able to locate areas down to the ward level and take steps to reduce the uptick in cases. Further, proactive surveillance will continue in such areas."

According to BBMP officials, the caseload tracking will not be limited to dengue alone but will be extended to all notifiable diseases.

Palike health workers conduct a door-to-door survey in their wards (file image)

> **"These hospitals will be required to provide a live update of the caseloads on the portal and allow us to take immediate steps to limit cases in menace areas**
> – Dr Thrilok Chandra, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health)

From the onset of the monsoon, Palike has been taking steps to curb dengue cases. "We had issued tenders for all zone roughly six-seven months ago. We are doing intensive surveillance of areas where cases are reported. Our team will survey 50-100 houses around the areas," he added.

Palike has been struggling with creating awareness about breeding mosquitoes in freshwater. Apart from IEC activities, we are also creating awareness about freshwater breeding. Most people are unaware that mosquitoes breed in freshwater or that mostly found inside houses. To create awareness, we locate the place and educate the residents. We also explain the dos and don'ts to be followed in such cases. In addition, spraying and surveillance will continue, added Dr Chandra.

However, BBMP saw a 15 per cent increase in dengue cases this year. "In September, 300 cases were reported from Bengaluru city. As compared to last year, there has been an increase this year; estimated 15 per cent uptick has been noticed. Usually, after monsoon season due to water-logging in many areas, we see a small uptick" he added," he explained.

Teachers plead for Dasara break extension

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When it comes to school holidays, it is students who are seen clamouring for a long break. But, this time, members of the Karnataka State High School Assistant Teachers' Association have written to the School Education Department to extend the Dasara holidays for a month.

The teachers say that this academic year has been one of the busiest so far and they have been working non-stop. This year began with a Covid shadow. After two years of Covid when most of the classes were in online mode, the schools had no clue about the working days in the 2022-23 academic year.

As a precautionary method, the education department decided to start the schools quite early. In fact, this is the first year in recent history when the classes for the fresh academic year had begun on May 16 as against May-end of June first week. School teachers now say that the schools began early and the workload too increased.

Usually, the schools would be shut between October 3-31. The teachers argue that the employees working in other departments are entitled for a 30-day paid leave (including earned and casual leaves). However, teachers are entitled only for 10-day paid leave. Teachers say that they are not just busy in academic activities as they are deployed for various other programmes like Covid monitoring of elections. Teachers also say that even during the summer holidays, most of the time is dedicated to conducting exams and evaluating the answer scripts.

The association's president Siddabasappa B said, "The teachers are under undue stress. Hence, we have asked the concerned officials to provide at least a month-long mid-term holiday." Reacting to the demands, School Education Minister BC Nagesh said that he is yet to receive any plea and would assess the situation before taking any further decision.

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01 Young at art

The Finer Side along with Elder Aid, is launching Young@Art, a creative and arts club for senior citizens on the occasion of International Elders Day. This endeavour is supported by School of India, Mitra For Life, Studio Pepperfry (Kanakapura Road) and Bangalore Apartments Federation. The launch is being celebrated with a cultural and musical feast. The evening program includes 'Sahana Murthy', a short play in Kannada and special music performances by Divya Raghavan, Vishal Anand Reddy and Suchitra Chebbi. There will be food & other stalls at the venue. **Where: The Finer Side, H Block, BSK 6th Stage; When: Oct 1, 5.30 to 8 pm; Entry: Free, WhatsApp 9535087777**

02 Festive spirits

The annual Dasara doll festival here! On display is handmade dolls made by rural artisans from Channapatana, Ettikopakka, Kodapalli, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Kolkata and Panruti made in clay, lac-turned-wood and plaster and themes range from episodes of the Ramayana & Mahabharata to scenes from the picturesque Indian villages. **Where: Studio Tamaala, JP Nagar, www.tamaala.com; When: Till Sep 30, 10am – 9pm Contact: 7676197344**

Award withdrawn for Kannada film Dollu

Director of Film Festivals withdraws award for best location sound recordist as it is a dubbed film

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The controversy over Kannada movie Dollu winning a national award for best location sound recordist (for sync sound films only) has come to an end with the Director of Film Festivals withdrawing the award on Wednesday.

Indrani Bose, Deputy Director, Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in a letter to Krishne Gowda, informed that the award given to Dollu in the category of Best Audiography Location Sound Recordist (or sync sound films only) was withdrawn/cancelled.

Nomination of Dollu for the award stirred up a controversy when Oscar-winning sound mixer Resul Pookutty and Dollu movie's sound designer Nithin Lukose alleged that the jury had erred as it was a dubbed movie, and not sync sound.

Krishne Gowda, producer of Kannada movie Pinki Elli, filed a petition in the City Civil Court on September 20 against selection of Kannada movie Dollu for an award for the best location sound recordist.

"I pray that the court cancels the application submitted to the Directorate of Film Festivals by the producer or director of Dollu. They should be banned for three years for providing incorrect information while submitting the application," said Gowda.

Meanwhile, Dollu movie producer Pawan Wadeyar said that he was not aware of the cancellation of the award. "We never sought an award for our movie under that category," he said.

Sagar Puranik, director of Dollu, said that he was the first person who highlighted this error on social media. "We did not submit any application seeking an award for our movie under the category of best location sound recordist. I think the jury had erred."

In a question regarding banning him for three years and cancelling the best regional film award, Puranik added that he did not do any wrong.

"Ban for what?" he asked.

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It is the responsibility of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and other government departments to inspect an apartment complex and check if the builder followed building bylaws before issuing occupancy certificates. However, authorities seem to be indifferent despite the city's recent bout with rain-induced flooding.

A builder himself realised violations of building bylaws and demolished a swimming pool allegedly constructed in the buffer zone of a secondary stormwater drain.

This concerns the encroachment of a stormwater drain's buffer zone by SV Elegant, an apartment complex constructed by Venkateswara Builders at Kumbena Agrahara in the Mahadevapura zone. Paramesh V, a social activist, filed a complaint with the NGT Southern Zone, Chennai stating that the builder constructed a swimming pool and did not leave the mandatory gap of 25 m between the residential apartment complex and the secondary stormwater drain.

The NGT Bench headed by Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana and Dr Afroz Ahmed, while hearing the petition on September 19, directed the BBMP and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to conduct a survey and find out whether the compound wall is within the buffer zone or outside the same and furnish a report, after which the application may be considered. The NGT Bench also directed authorities to report whether the green belt required for such constructions are in compliance.

The NGT Bench opined that the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), which should have stepped in to see these violations much before, has not filed any report.

"A last opportunity has been given to the Board to file a detailed report in this regard, including the assessment of Environmental Compensation payable by the 8th respondent before the next date of hearing after furnishing the copies of the same to the other Learned Counsels," the NGT Bench said.

The petition will be heard on October 18.

When contacted, KSPCB Environmental Officer Manohar said that the NGT Bench has directed the KSPCB to prepare the Environmental Compensation report. "I have prepared the report and sent it to my higher authorities who have to take a call on it," said Manohar, stating that the BBMP engineer has to take up demolition work if there are any violations of building bylaws.

"The compound wall was constructed in violation of buffer zone norms," Paramesh said.

Meanwhile, Babu Reddy of Venkateswara Builders said that he demolished the swimming pool after realising that it is in violation of buffer zone norms. "I am waiting for the authorities concerned to survey the place to verify whether there are any violations of buffer zone norms. I followed all the norms while constructing the compound wall," said Reddy.

A stormwater drain's buffer zone was reportedly encroached when an apartment complex was constructed in Kumbena Agrahara

"The compound wall (of the now demolished swimming pool) was constructed in violation of buffer zone norms"
–Paramesh V, social activist

Horamavu Road in shambles

Commuters are forced to drive slow on this ill-maintained stretch, creating congestion

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Commuters on Horamavu service road are frustrated with its condition. They say that the road is filled with potholes, making commuting very risky and difficult. They also said that the potholes cause significant damage to their vehicles.

Raghav K, a commuter, said, "The road is in a terrible state. It is impossible to commute on that road without constantly stopping to avoid all the potholes. It took me almost 20 minutes to cross that stretch recently. Something should be done immediately to improve the road's condition."

Shruthi Nair, another commuter, said, "I was coming back from the office, and while travelling through this stretch, my scooter broke down in the middle. I tried to start my vehicle many times, but it did not happen. I finally had to wait for my brother to pick me up. This has happened quite a few times here. Commuting on this road is very dangerous. People need to be very careful."

Commuters complain that because of the poor condition of the road, people have to travel at a slower speed, and because of that, a lot of congestion takes place.

Rohit Gowda, also a commuter, told Bangalore Mirror that it was just not possible to go at a fast pace while crossing this area. He added that people do not expect roads to be in this state, and despite numerous complaints to authorities, there is never any action taken.

Mayur Kaushik, who used the stretch frequently, said, "I often take my cycle through this road, and a few days back, there was a lot of traffic. I tried to make space for one of the bikes to go through and did not notice a pothole right in front of me. I fell because of it and had some minor injuries, but it is dangerous nonetheless."

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official said that they would send someone to inspect the area.

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Roopa Moudgil

The tussle between the Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (KSHDCL) Chairman and Managing Director is something that has been under the spotlight for a while. It gains importance now with the Assistant Registrar of Companies writing a letter to KSHDCL Managing Director Roopa Moudgil seeking certified copies of resolution passed by the company for the appointment of Beloor Raghavendra Shetty.

"You are requested to forward certified copies of Resolution passed by the company for his appointment, copy of financial statement for the year 2020-21, copy of his nomination by the Government of Karnataka, translated in English for taking necessary action against the said director," Assistant Registrar of Companies B Bhuvaneswari said in a letter written to Roopa Moudgil on September 28.

In the letter, the Assistant Registrar of Companies said that Beloor Raghavendra Shetty was disqualified under Section 164(2)(a) of the Companies Act 2013 for a period of five years from November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2021 against Srinidhi Delicacy Real Food India Private Limited.

"Further, the status of his DIN (director identification number) is deactivated due to non-filing of DIR-3C-KYC. Copy of the extract of his disqualification as available in the MCA website is enclosed herewith. The director ought to have intimated his disqualification and given his DIN details at the time of his appointment as per Section 152(4) of the Act," the Assistant Registrar said in the letter.

According to Section 152(4) of the Act, every person proposed to be appointed as a director by the company in general meeting or otherwise shall furnish his Director Identification Number (DIN) or such other number as may be prescribed under section 153, and a declaration that he is not disqualified to become a director under this Act. The BJP state government appointed Beloor Raghavendra Shetty as the chairman of the KSHDCL in November 2020, and his term ended in July 2022.

Moudgil said she has alerted the government on this issue. "He was disqualified already by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. I have initiated the action. I have sent the report to the government. The government has to take suitable action on the decisions taken under his signature and under his chairmanship," she said.

However, Shetty has termed the letter 'rubbish'. "I am aware of who is behind this. Roopa Moudgil is doing all this because I complained to the State Chief Secretary against her. I think she has not replied to the three letters written by the Chief Secretary to her," said Shetty. When contacted, Moudgil said she does not need to tell him whether she replied to the letters. "I have sent replies and state government has accepted them. I don't know why he is raking it up. The letter from the Assistant Registrar of Companies is a different issue," she said.

PSI scam: CID chargesheets ADGP Amrit Paul

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID), probing the PSI scandal in Karnataka, has submitted a 1,406-page charge sheet in the court against jailed senior IPS officer ADGP Amrit Paul, the agency sources stated on Thursday.

Paul is the first senior ADGP level officer to be arrested in connection with the scandal that rocked the state and made national news.

The charge sheet has been submitted before the First ACMM court in Bengaluru. Accused Amrit Paul is being made 35th accused in the case.

The CID investigation officer DySP BK Shekar submitted 78 records, 38 witnesses against Paul to highlight his role in the scam, conspiracy to carry it out, and collection of money from aspirants of posts of sub-inspectors.

According to sources, the CID had already submitted a charge sheet regarding the scandal but without mentioning the name and role of Paul. -IANS

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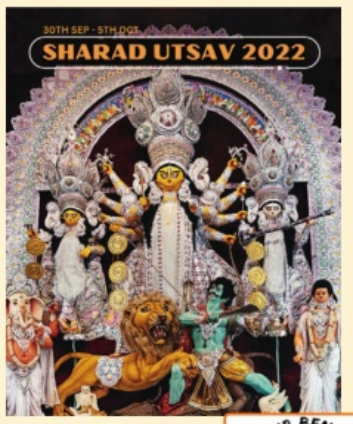

The Begur Bengali Cultural Association (BBCA) is organizing SHARAD UTSAV 2022 at BBCA Puja ground, DLF Newtown Exhibition Ground, Akshayanagar from September 30 to October 5. The pujo is presented by Oye Desi, co-presented by Apollo 24/7 with the objective of Probash e Kolkata. The highlight of this year's programme will be "Thakur Barir Dalan (the courtyard of worship)". Over the years, Durga Pujo has evolved from elite pujo to "Sarbojonin Pujo" where everyone participates and every pandal deck up in glittering lights and vibrant hues. However, the essence of traditional pujo is difficult to beat. Hence BBCA's pujo is sarbojonin yet it carries traditional values.

This pujo will be loaded with entertainment, contests, delicious food stalls, amusement parks, flash mob, flea markets and community bhog for every visitor. Eminent bands like Cactus and Folk Dairyz from Kolkata will be performing on Saptami and Ashtami evenings. Bollywood night by Sujay and Manashi will be the special attraction on Nabami night. Inhouse band ITI Prabhashi will be performing on Shasti evening. Join this gala event from 30th September-5th October at DLF Exhibition ground Akshayanagar.

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BM's first ever Engineer Your Career programme will be held at Cambridge Institute of Technology, KR Puram on Friday. A host of experts including Dr K Balaveera Reddy (Former vice-chancellor, Visvesvaraya Technological University and former Director of Technical Education), Upendra SC (Deputy Manager- HR, Manjushree Techno Park), Dr Indumathi G (Principal, Cambridge Institute of Technology), DK Mohan (Chairman, Cambridge Institute of Technology), Krishna Kumar (Registrar, Cambridge Institute of Technology), and Ugandar Kothwal (Career Counsellor) will be part of the panel to guide students on their way forward.

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Disabled friendly talking laptops

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"The specialised laptop is aimed at students pursuing higher study or college-level education. The talking laptop recites every key pressed and allows for easier navigation. It is an annual scheme under which these laptops are distributed to students based on an allocated budget," said a senior government official from the department concerned.

Last year, the laptops were procured at a cost of Rs 85,000 per unit; this year the department has been allocated Rs 3 crore.

An estimated 353 students will be able to avail the scheme as per last year's rates. According to a 2011 survey of the disabled, there are 13,24,205 disabled individuals in the state of which 26,4170 are visually impaired; 83,910 in Bengaluru alone.

Owing to many factors, including population, Bengaluru has the highest number of visually impaired individuals. In effect, just 0.133% of the affected population might be receiving talking laptops this year.

Experts are of the view that while technology is welcome, the government should focus on providing offline braille books.

"Integration of tech for disabled is always welcome, but the focus from braille books must not be taken away. Technology is still a big hurdle in rural areas and implementation of such steps must be supplemented with training to utilise the technology. Without such training, technology can be quite ineffective," said Nagasimha G Rao of Child Rights Trust.

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Good, bad and the ugly

Psychedelic drugs: how to tell good research from bad

Research with psychedelic drugs has made a dramatic comeback amid a heady mix of softening societal attitudes, the lure of commercial opportunity, misgivings about the "war on drugs", and the desire to develop new ways to treat mental health conditions.

So you might have read in the media that there's a new study which shows that ketamine can banish depression or psilocybin is effective at treating post-traumatic stress disorder, or microdosing LSD makes you more creative.

In this fervour, which research is worth your time and, more importantly, your trust? Of course, what's worth your time depends on what you want.

I'm a doctor, a drug researcher and a clinical trialist. As such, I'm interested in whether psychedelic therapy can be a new form of medicine.

That question needs clinical trial evidence. That's what I'll be concentrating on here, although some of the principles apply to medical research more broadly.

Journals

First, your source. Good scientific research is published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Peer-reviewed means that independent experts have read and anonymously criticised the paper.

This is an important form of scrutiny. If the journal you're looking at does not support peer review, move on. Some journals claim to be high-quality enterprises, publishing peer-reviewed articles but are actually pop-up money-making schemes that publish anything.

Spotting these is a bit like spotting a spam email or social media post. Poor grammar, spelling and formatting mistakes, substandard websites and too-good-to-be-true statements are all telltale signs of a journal that wouldn't let the truth get in the way of a good publishing fee.

In contrast, good quality journals are generally long established, are indexed in scientific databases such as PubMed, and usually have good "impact factors" (a measure of how often the journals' papers are cited). While this isn't a perfect metric, it is useful as a guide, and it will be stated on the journal's homepage. A higher number is more reassuring. With a good quality journal, you're halfway there.

Authors

Before you read anything about the paper, look to see who the authors are, where they work and what their disclosures and funding sources are (this is usually stated at the end of an article). Authors who are top of their field often have great reputations.

But they also have more to lose by results that don't fit their theories. They are more likely to be paid consultants for companies seeking to commercialise new treatments, too.

Similarly, just because a study comes from a pioneering, high-quality institution doesn't mean you should blindly trust it.

In fact, those very teams that were the pioneers are precisely the ones who might also be heavily biased. Put another way, why would we have got into such a stigmatised field if we didn't hold a strongly positive preconception? That said, institutions and research teams with good reputations earn them because their peers respect their methods and believe their results. So, overall, go for the most well-respected authors, but have in the back of your mind the other factors at play.

Data

Now take a look at the paper itself. For clinical research, the multi-centre, randomised, placebo-controlled trial is king. Almost all psychedelic research is not this (yet).

Initial trials take place in one institution. That's fine, but it doesn't say anything about whether the treatment works beyond that institution. For that, you need a multi-centre trial. The more centres, the better. If it works in lots of centres, there's more reason to believe it'll work in the real world. This is called "generalisation", and it's an unanswered question for psychedelics.

Randomised and placebo-controlled refer to the participants being randomly allocated to two or more groups, one of which is treated with a placebo (dummy pill).

Unless you have a placebo control group to compare with, you don't know if the effect you observe in the treatment group might not have happened anyway.

Similarly, if there is no randomisation, then any effect you observe might be due to something else common to one of the groups.

Early psychedelics trials were often not randomised or controlled. That's fine, but you can't conclude much from these "pilot studies". They just show that the research can be done.

Large trials

The more participants a trial has, the more "statistical power" it has to detect a true effect (or a true absence of an effect). This often needs hundreds, even thousands, of participants.

These trials cost a lot, which is why many large-scale clinical trials are funded by companies - it's the only way to raise the money to get the trial done. But don't dismiss commercial trials.

Yes, profit and healthcare aren't easy bedfellows. But commercial trials are far more heavily regulated than non-commercial trials. Almost all the medicines we have today were licensed based on commercial trials.

Pre-registering

All clinical trials should have a "pre-registered primary outcome". The primary outcome can be anything: a blood test result, a neuroimaging finding, or a measure of depression. It is that outcome that the trial is designed around.

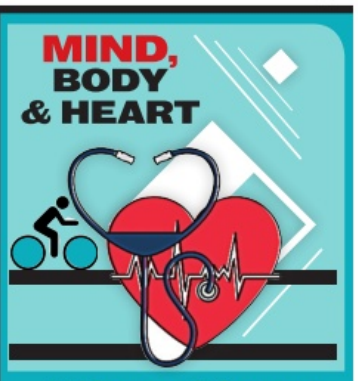
Pre-registering happens on websites like clinicaltrials.gov before the trial starts. If the researchers haven't pre-registered their hypothesis, their primary outcome measure and their methods of analysis, then they could have cherrypicked the results you're reading.

Put another way, if you torture your data hard enough, it will tell you whatever you want. This is one of the great research sins.

If I flip a coin ten times, then keep doing that again and again, at some point I'll get ten heads, just by chance. It's the same principle here. The more measures I put in a trial, and the more ways I choose to analyse the data, the more likely I'll get a "significant" result.

A final thought before you go. No one clinical trial or piece of research can tell you anything for certain. The more a result is replicated, the more believable it becomes.

By James Rucker, Senior Clinical Lecturer, King's College London, The Conversation



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After being single for quite a long time following a bad breakup, I started dating a guy who's a friend of a friend.
The physical attraction was instant - he's very fit and just my type to look at, but his personality lets him down. To put it another way, he's a bit dull, a bit safe and his sense of humour doesn't really fit with mine.
However, the sex is great and when we've got a date coming up, I can't wait to see him. He's given me a whole new lease of life, but there's something niggling away at me that the relationship is just temporary. I feel guilty about dating him and not admitting this, but I don't want to hurt his feelings and I don't want to stop seeing him either.
What should I do? He's almost got it all, but I compromised in my last relationship and it ended in disaster.

COLEEN SAYS

I think you have to be honest – not to the point of telling him he's dull – but admit you're not at the point where you're ready to meet his family or go on commitment. I'm saying this from experience, as I've let the fallout from past relationships prevent me from giving someone new a chance. There's a lot to be said for living in the he's long this me moment and seeing if the relationship develops into something deeper. But being honest now about where your head's at is better than playing along with him and becoming really involved with his friends and family, and then ending it.

And emphasise that it doesn't mean you don't love seeing him. This puts the ball in his court and he can then decide whether he's OK with that or whether he wants more and he takes the opportunity to move on.

Yes, it could be just a physical, lustful attraction, and there's not enough for you outside of that.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

BWSSB men booked in manual scavenging case

FIRs have been registered against two men for 'hiring two people to clean manhole'

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Avalahalli police have registered a first information report (FIR) against two engineers of Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) for engaging two people to clean a manhole. It is believed that one of the engineers has nothing to do with the FIR.

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The FIR was registered under sections 7 and 9 of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act 2013.

Section 7 of the Act prohibits persons from engaging or employing workers for hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks. Anyone who contravenes the provisions of Section 7 shall, for the first contravention, be punishable with imprisonment for a term of up to two years, a fine of up to Rs two lakh rupees, or both. For any subsequent contravention, there may be imprisonment for a period of up to five years, fine which may extend to Rs five lakh, or both.

Based on a complaint by Paramesh V, police registered the FIR against assistant executive engineer Ramesh Kumar, assistant engineer Vinay, and contractors.

Meanwhile, BWSSB clarified that work on providing a sewer system to Happy Garden Layout, Bhoo Samartha Layout, Medahalli and surrounding areas, Origin Layout, Nagarjuna Layout, and Brindavan Layout is in progress.

"Around 90 per cent of the work has been completed, except for linking at disposal end near Yele Mallappa Shetty Lake sewage treatment plant. During inspection of the work, it was reportedly observed that the machine channel in front of Cake Lane Shop near Samrudhi Layout was yet to be done and instructions were given to complete it.

BWSSB assistant executive engineer (projects) V Prakash told Bangalore Mirror that police have registered the FIR against the wrong person who is not in-charge of the project.

> **Ramkumar is in-charge of maintenance and not connected with work taken up by projects department**
>
> –V Prakash, BWSSB

"Ramkumar is in-charge of maintenance and not connected with the work taken up by the projects department. We will not engage people to clean a manhole as it is against the law. We would prefer to reconstruct a new manhole rather than engage men to repair or clean it," said Prakash.

It may be recalled that a social activist came across two workers at a manhole near Samrudhi Layout. They told him that a contractor had asked them to clean it. A video of one of the workers climbing up from a manhole with the help of a rope had gone viral on social media.

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Yatra posters found torn a day before K'taka entry

Some posters put up to welcome leaders to the Congress' 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' were found to be torn at Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district on Thursday, a day before it is set to enter Karnataka.

Reacting sharply, the Congress said, "The 40% Commission Bommai Govt is already getting the jitters".

The BJP's "Bharat Todo Team" of paid goons has been pressed into service to destruct, destroy and tear up posters, the Congress incharge of Karnataka Affairs, Randeep Singh Surjewala alleged.

"They'll never be able to stop the war cry against Price Rise, Unemployment, Disparity & Divisiveness", he tweeted.

Congress state president D K Shivakumar alleged that a few posters were torn and burnt by the BJP.

"Preparations are afoot to receive the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' but the BJP people have torn and burnt some banners. We will not be cowed down. We have faced enough of such things. They (BJP) should know this," Shivakumar told reporters in Chamarajanagar.

He demanded that the police initiate action against those who tore the banners.

"Let them (police) refuse to take action, then we will speak rest of the things," Shivakumar said.

The Congress lodged a police complaint in this connection in the police station concerned, sources close to the Congress state president said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said: "All know who is doing 'Bharat Jodo' and who's doing 'Thodo".

A Bharat Jodo Yatra poster was torn in Mysuru

Addressing reporters in the district headquarters town of Haveri, Bommai said let Shivakumar comment on the incident, permission must be obtained for putting up posters.

The BJP need not tear the posters of any political party. Since people knew "everything," there was no need for him to say much about it, the Chief Minister said. Sources close to Shivakumar said the Congress leaders lodged a complaint at the police station concerned against those who tore and burnt the banners.

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Seema and friends

Padmini and friends, Hesaraghatta Road

Nihira's gang, JP Nagar

Faculty & Staff, Ramaiah Institute of Technology

Santoor Mom's Group, JP Nagar

Rainbow Drive, Sarjapur Road

Suchitra and friends, Hebbal

Teachers, Pine Woods English School, Vijayanagar

Vidyawin E-learning App, Vijaynagar

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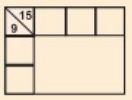
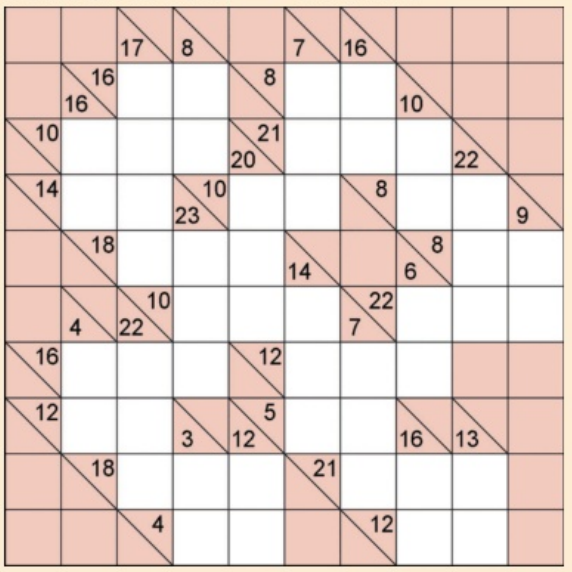
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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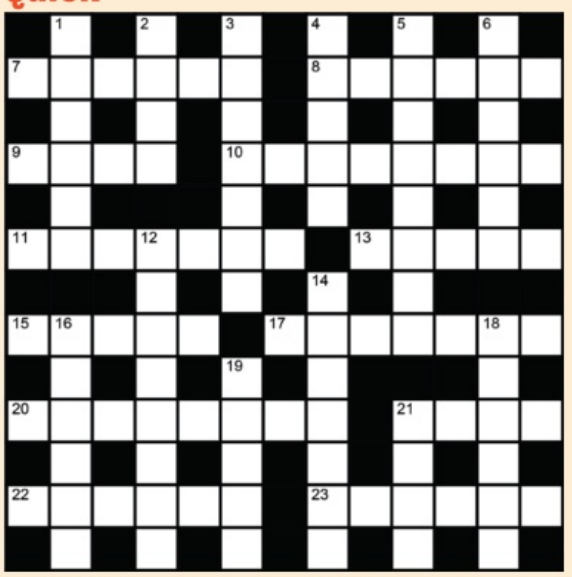


ACROSS

7 Benevolent or compassionate (6)
8 Immature (6)
9 Got a hole in one (4)
10 Abstains (8)
11 Made hair untidy? (7)
13 Axe wielder? (5)
15 Native American tribesman (5)
17 Ancient writing material (7)
20 The bus station named after Kempe Gowda is more commonly known by this name (8)
21 Leak through (4)
22 Contort or distort (6)
23 Absolutely latest? (6)

DOWN

1 Papal ambassador (6)
2 Clock pointer (4)
3 Unshaven (7)
4 Manacles (5)
5 In a fancy way (8)
6 Marine growth (6)
12 Proposes (8)
14 Theft (7)
16 Flight of steps (6)
18 Discomfiture (6)
19 Places fit for a pig (5)
21 Seeded (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS U

BMXU VC QBUTU GMJ RUUE PA BMXU PIW PTU ATUPAUW QUEE.

Linemaro

Hi, what do you think of guys with cheesy pick-up lines?

Mindchow

Rather than trying to find the right person, try being the right person

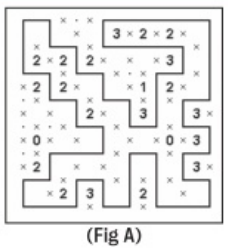
Joke of the day

On a T-shirt: 'My wife says that I don't listen (and then in smaller print below) 'At least I think that's what she said'

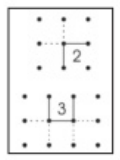
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

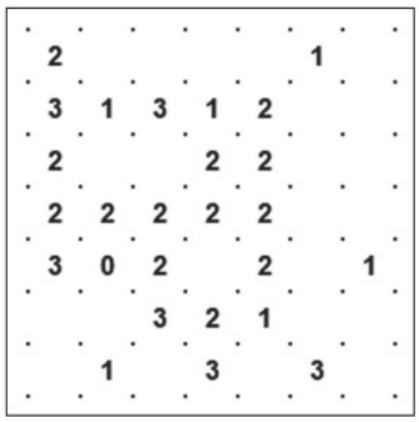


(Fig B) Not Allowed

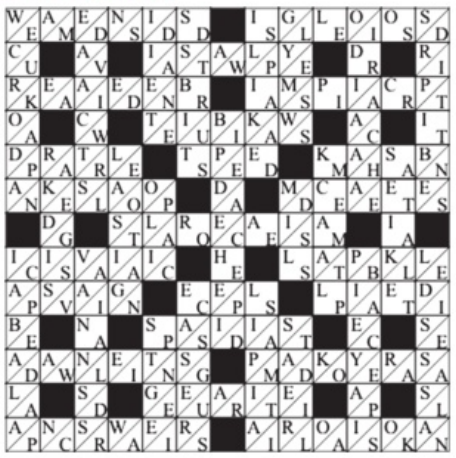
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6			B	
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Crows; 6 Bleep;
7 Aedes; 8 Saree;
9 De Low

DOWN

1 Deeps; 2 Carol;
3 Wears; 4 So bee;
5 We led

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

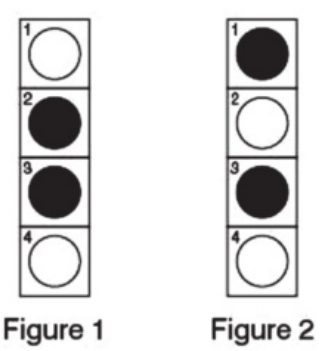
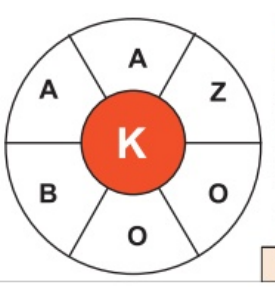


Figure 1 Figure 2

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

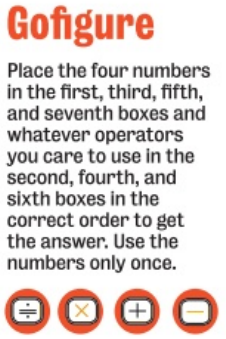
SudokuChallenge

			9	5			1	2
	4					9	5	
1			3			4		
5					2	8		
8		3				2		1
		4	1					7
		7			1			9
	8	9					2	
4	6			9	3			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 1
2 3 6 6

Medium = 4
2 3 3 8

Hard = 3
1 6 7 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Collar is larger. 2. Hat is tilted back. 3. Arm is longer. 4. Nose is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Boy's hair is different.

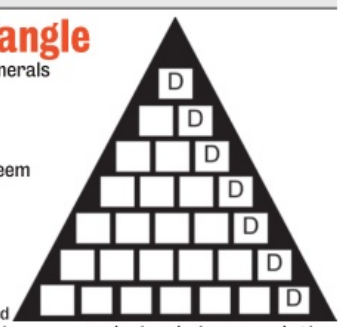
Riddler

Each of the clues below describe a name of a candy. Can you name that candy? Example: Earth's neighbour = Mars.

1. Quiet giggles from the back of the room
2. Infant child of The Sultan of Swat (2)
3. Cow juice / cowboy clothes (2)
4. Baby chick chirps
5. Male parental unit that plays guitar (2)

Alpha triangle

1 500 in Roman numerals
2 Anno Domini
3 A young boy
4 Be in the front
5 Bathed
6 Held in great esteem
7 Leapt over



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

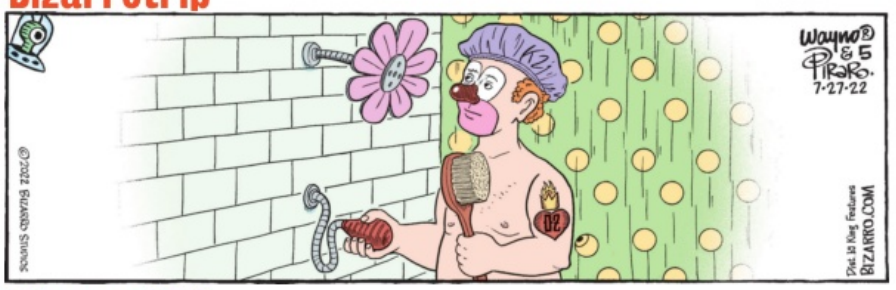
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

SOUNDS LIKE A HERD OF BUFFALO COMING!
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING COMING!
YOU DON'T??
BY THE WAY... YOU SEE ANYTHING OF MY CONTACT LENSES DOWN THERE?
7-16

Bizarrotrip



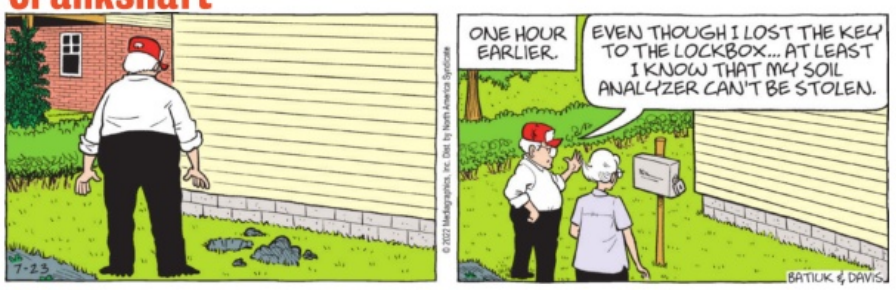
Diamond Lil

I WENT TO PATTY THE PASTRY CHEF'S FUNERAL TODAY
THE SERVICE WAS THEMED IN HER HONOR
HOW SO?
EVERYONE WORE THEIR FAT PANTS
7/27

Hart of the city

YOU SHOULD GIVE THOSE FIFTH GRADERS THEIR MONEY BACK. I'LL TAKE CARE OF GETTING PEOPLE TO STOP WANTING MUFFINS.
AUUGGH
IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. HAVE A MUFFIN.
DOING THE RIGHT THING SUCKS SOMETIMES.
MUFFIN FOR DRAM
IT DOES. BUT IT'S BETTER THAN GETTING SUSPENDED FOR STARTING A PYRAMID SCHEME.
DEPENDS ON HOW LONG THE SUSPENSION IS FOR.
7/30

Crankshaft


ONE HOUR EARLIER.
EVEN THOUGH I LOST THE KEY TO THE LOCKBOX... AT LEAST I KNOW THAT MY SOIL ANALYZER CAN'T BE STOLEN.
7-23
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You have some sort of internal strength which may help you make some difficult decisions at work. Disputes with your partner are likely to be resolved. Singles may expect to find a good match with the help of relatives or friends. You may also invest in business.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today your inner strength can make you confident, which will reflect into your way of working. You are likely to get good news in legal matters. Your money which was stuck somewhere may be recovered today, which may increase your savings. Your kid's health may be good. In your domestic life, try to avoid unnecessary arguments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may expect to see some gains from your past investments. You may plan to renovate your office. You may also invest in some intellectual assets like buying books or updating your knowledge, or applying for higher studies. Singles are likely to find their soulmate in the same field. Natives related to research, education, agricultural work may perform well.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel unhappy. You could be a victim of arrogance, which may affect your personal and professional life. You are likely to be under pressure. Some detachment from your responsibilities may be noticed in your nature. You are likely to be impatient at work. You are advised to take care of your parents. Postpone important decisions related to work.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be happy. Property-related issues with siblings might settle down. You are likely to meet an influential person who may help you to grow your work. Your professional contacts may help you to grow your business. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets. Work-related short trips may be expected.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be busy with family and friends. You may plan to go for outings or adventure tours with family or friends. Your health might make you upset. You are blessed by the moon as it may help you to find your way towards success. Your savings may be increased, which may increase your financial health.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be full of vitality and inner strength. You are likely to make good plans for the growth of your family business. You may be blessed by your elders, so you might be able to implement new plans efficiently with the help of your team. Your wisdom may help you make some good decisions which may increase your social status.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may face health issues. Last night's sleeplessness could be making you mentally tired. You may not be focused on your day-to-day work. You may feel laziness, which may affect your commitments. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also advised to avoid spending money on worthless items.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be busy with social get-togethers. You may also meet some old friends. Your network might be strong, which may give you benefits in the near future on the work front. Those related to export and import, glamour, artefacts may perform well. Students are likely to perform well today in terms of study. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may get good support from your family members. You may also have some expansion in your family business during these days, which will increase your social status. You may also plan to expand your family in terms of a new child, which may improve bonding between family members. students may apply for some scholarships for higher studies.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be more spiritual. Your destiny may be with you. You may expect good gains from your past investments. Bonding with your boss is likely to be better, which may give you benefits in terms of promotions. You may also hear some good news from your siblings. You are advised to control your harsh speaking in your love and personal life.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be a victim of sleeplessness, which may make you lazy. You may also become careless. It may affect your inner strength negatively. You are likely to be nervous at work, which may affect your running projects. You are advised to avoid investments in dead assets. You are advised to avoid spicy food and rash driving.

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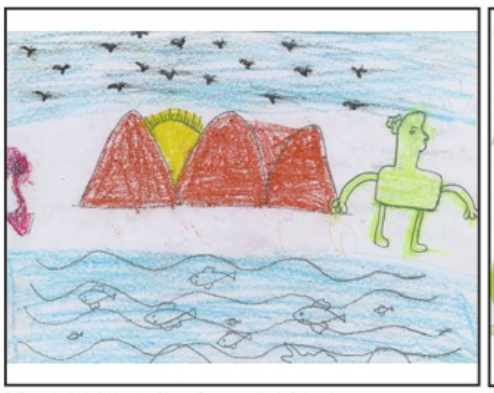

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SOLVE IN 1M
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RIDDLER
1. Snickers (or Chuckles),
2. Baby Ruth,
3. Milk Duds,
4. Peeps, 5. Pop Rocks

QUOTE UNCODE
Home is where you feel at home and are treated well.

BULL'S EYE
BAZOOKA, book, kazoo

FAST FIVE

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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
2: so that each square block of four numbers totals 15

SUDOKU

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3	8	9	4	7	5	1
2	5	7	6	8	1	3
9	2	4	1	6	8	5
8	7	3	5	4	9	2
5	1	6	7	3	2	8
1	9	5	3	2	6	4
6	4	2	8	1	7	9
7	3	8	9	5	4	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, AD, Lad, Lead, Laved, Valued, Vaulted.

GO FIGURE
6 + 3 – 7 + 1 = 3
Hard
2 + 8 – 3 – 3 = 4
Medium
6 + 3 – 2 – 6 = 1
Easy

LOOP

KAKURO

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